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SUBJECT: AIFLD REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS

1. AIFLD/CPD JAY HAS ASKED STATE TO PASS THE FOLLOWING TO AIFLD
BILL DOHERTY: QUOTE: DUE TO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LABOR AND POLITICA
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SITUATION, ESPECIALLY WELL-FINANCED PROGRAM BY MARXIST AND
CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL AND UNION ELEMENTS GROUP IN
"COORDINADORA SINDICAL" DIRECTED AGAINST INDEPENDENT POSITION OF
"GROUP OF TEN" AND NEW UNTRACH ALLIES, CPD REQUESTS AMPLIFICATION
AIFLD/WASHINGTON FUNDING OF MONTENEGRO COURSES AND ADDITIONAL
FUNDS FOR UNION SEMINARS NOT PREVIOUSLY CONTEMPLATED.

2. REQUEST ADDITION OF 5,000 DOLLARS TO ORIGINAL 14,000 DOLLAR
MONTENEGRO BUDGET TO COVER A) ONE NATIONAL THREE-DAY RESIDENTIAL
COURSE FULL-TIME OF TOP UNION LEADERS FROM ALL CHILE B) INCREASE
NUMBER OF DAYS OF COURSES IN ARICA, PUNTA ARENAS AND CONCEPCION
TO INCLUDE OTHER SUBJECTS AND SPECIAL COURSES FOR ANEF MEMBERS
C) ALLOW FUNDS FOR "GROUP OF TEN" NATIONAL LEADERS TO PARTICIPATE
IN FAR AWAY INTERIOR COURSE SITES.

3. AIFLD/CHILE HAS ALREADY SPENT ITS EDUCATION BUDGET OF 20,000
DOLLARS. OTHER BUDGET-LINES ARE TIGHT DUE TO CPD TRANSFER
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COSTS CHARGED TO CURRENT BUDGET. HAVE URGENT REQUESTS FOR SHORT
THREE-DAY COURSES FROM ANEF, RAILROAD, MARITIME AND CAMPESINOS
DATES BEGINNING END OF OCTOBER THROUGH NOVEMBER TOTALING 16,500
DOLLARS. CONSIDER HIGH PRIORITY CONTINUED EDUCATION ACTIVITIES
TO ASSURE CONTINUED POSITIVE RESULTS IN GROWING DEMOCRATIC UNITY.
REQUEST NEW ALLOCTION OF FUNDS TO CHILE WITH POSSIBILITY OF UP
TO 20,000 DOLLARS EASILY ABSORBED.

4. LACK OF INITIATIVE AT THIS MOMENT WOULD SERIOUSLY EFFECT
STRENGTH AND APPEAL INDEPENDENT UNION EFFORT. ALL CHILEAN FRIENDS
AFL-CIO URGENTLY SUPPORT THIS REQUEST. UNQUOTE.

5. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF CONSIDERABLE LABOR UNREST, THIS SHOULD NOT
BE CONSIDERED A ROUTINE REQUEST. EMBASSY THOUGHTS ON THIS PROPOSAL
INCLUDING PROS AND CONS WILL FOLLOW EARLY NEXT WEEK.
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